



CountrySTAT Consultative meeting

"Back-to-back with the 22nd AFCAS"

INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

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1 BACKGROUND AND ORIGINE OF PROJECTS CountrySTAT

- The CountrySTAT system is based on decades of FAO experience in the field of agricultural statistics including the development and implementation of the global database on agriculture, FAOSTAT. It uses the PC-AXIS platform developed by Nordic countries and is used by developed and developing countries.
 - CountrySTAT was tested in 3 countries in 2005 (Ghana, Kenya, Kirghystan). CountrySTAT prototypes were developed in two pilot countries (Mali and Togo) and UEMOA (RegionSTAT) in 2007 and 2008 as part of the project GTFS/INT/928/ITA Regional Agricultural Information System (SIAR) of UEMOA
 - The CountrySTAT system has been a topic of detailed discussions in many technical meetings of African agricultural statisticians at international and regional levels, particularly at the 19th Session of the African Commission on Agricultural Statistics in 2005 in Mozambique and at the 20th Session in 2007 in Algeria where its implementation in member countries was recommended.
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- Previous CountrySTAT Consultative Meetings were held in Tanzania and in Senegal in July 2008. The Consultative Meeting in Ghana in October 2009 (Back-to-back with the 21st AFCAS) discussed the lessons learned from the implementation of the project, shared good practices and agreed on the main components for the second phase of the project. Five objectives for the second phase BMGF were identified to address the remaining issues and further develop the CountrySTAT system:
 - Consolidation of the basic CountrySTAT in the 17 Sub-Saharan countries
 - Extension of the implementation of CountrySTAT to other African countries
 - Development of analytical modules
 - Strengthening the partnerships with relevant Regional Organizations (UEMOA, SADC, CEMAC, EAC, AFRISTAT, AFDB, etc.) in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of the systems
 - Development of new IT tools and functions for CountrySTAT
 - However, the phase II of the project BMGF focuses on the Consolidation of CountrySTAT system in the 17 countries of Sub-Saharan Africa.
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1 OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

- How to achieve the sustainability of the Institutional Framework?
 - Allocation of appropriate resources to the National Secretariat of CountrySTAT
 - Better collaboration between relevant National Institutions
 - Data users and stakeholders as part of CountrySTAT process
 - Integration of CountrySTAT in the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) and plans for implementation of the Global Strategy for Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics
 - How to improve data quality in order to address the best way to solve data inconsistencies between data from various sources and to ensure their update?
 - Inconsistencies and discrepancies data between CountrySTAT and FAOSTAT.
 - Metadata collection and publication.
 - Correspondence table between National and International Classifications.
 - Harmonization of national concepts and definitions in accordance with international standards.
 - Collection and uploading at the “Thematic Module” of relevant statistical indicators to the country such as: Publication of Agricultural Censuses and Surveys; Food Balance Sheets; Agricultural Statistics Yearbook, etc.
 - How to improve and develop the CountrySTAT website ?
 - How to ensure better communication for more visibility of the CountrySTAT system?
 - How to maintain qualified and well-trained staff on CountrySTAT at the national level? (Evaluate the content of the “Basic” and “Advanced” Training; “Train-the-Trainer” approach)
 - Building Capacity at the Regional Level in order to provide support within the region.
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2 OUTPUTS EXPECTED

- Actions for the sustainability of the system CountrySTAT:
 - Strengthening the institutional framework of CountrySTAT (Identifying a champion for sustainability CountrySTAT, National Coordinator proactive, National Secretariat of CountrySTAT with a minimum of three staff “Statistics, IT and Communication”, Better collaboration between different national institutions involved)
 - Signing by the Government and FAO of the "Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)" and implementation of the work plan
 - Ownership of the system by national staff and strengthening partnership with regional organizations (UEMOA, EAC) by building a team of regional and national experts

Taking into account the main conclusions and recommendations of the independent evaluation mission and CountrySTAT Consultative meetings

2 OUTPUTS EXPECTED

- Improving the quality of data and completion of the Core and Sub-National Modules (10 years time series for each indicator and Metadata)
 - Collection and uploading at the “Thematic Module” of relevant statistical indicators to the country such as: Publication of Agricultural Censuses and Surveys; Food Balance Sheets; Agricultural Statistics Yearbook, etc.
 - Minimization of divergences and incoherent data between FAOSTAT and CountrySTAT
 - CountrySTAT Site and Home Page improvements
 - better visibility and increase the number of CountrySTAT System users (policy makers, producers, data users and partners, FAO Representation libraries, Universities libraries, Ministries, etc.).
 - Visibility on the site for the dissemination of statistical indicators relevant key partners (MAFAP, WFP, AfricaFertilisers, etc.).
 - CountrySTAT integration in the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) and plans for implementation of the Global Strategy for Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics
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PRESENTATIONS OF THE MEETING

- **FAO-CMM-5** Introduction, background, objectives of the meeting
 - **FAO-CMM-6** Main achievements of CountrySTAT for Sub-Saharan Africa and lessons learned (GCP/GLO/208/BMG Phase I)
 - **FAO-CMM-7-1F** Expérience du Burkina dans la mise en oeuvre du système CountrySTAT: Principales réalisations et Domaines à améliorer
 - **FAO-CMM-7-2E** Experience of Ethiopia in implementation of the CountrySTAT System: Main achievements and remaining areas for improvement
 - **FAO-CMM-7-3F** Expérience du Cameroun dans la mise en oeuvre du système CountrySTAT: Principales réalisations et Domaines à améliorer
 - **FAO-CMM-7-4E** Experience of Kenya in implementation of the CountrySTAT System: Main achievements and remaining areas for improvement
 - **FAO-CMM-7-5E** Experience of Mozambique in implementation of the CountrySTAT System: Main achievements and remaining areas for improvement
 - **FAO-CMM-7-6F** Expérience du Mali dans la mise en oeuvre du système CountrySTAT: Principales réalisations et Domaines à améliorer
 - **FAO-CMM-8** Overview of new CountrySTAT Projects: MTF/GLO/345/BMG CountrySTAT for Sub-Saharan Africa Phase II, UTF/UEM/002/UEM UEMOA, GTFS/RAF/465/ITA East African Community, Other CountrySTATs in Africa
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- **FAO-CMM-9E** Presentation of the future website CountrySTAT
 - **FAO-CMM-10-1E** Presentation of the Monitoring African Food and Agricultural Policies (MAFAP)
 - **FAO-CMM-11** Main conclusions and recommendations of the independent evaluation mission of CountrySTAT for Sub-Saharan Africa (GCP/GLO/208/BMG Phase I)
 - **FAO-CMM-12-1** Terms of reference of Statistics Working Group
 - **FAO-CMM-12-2** Terms of reference of IT Working Group
 - **FAO-CMM-12-3E** Terms of reference of Communication/Collaboration-Synergies between Partners and Countries Working Group
 - **FAO-CMM-13-1** **Main conclusions and recommendations of the CountrySTAT Consultative Meeting**
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